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Legislative Office Building
State Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Opposition of HB 5366

SUBJECT: Opposition to HB 5366

As owner of the Bill's S.S. and Auto Parts Inc, **I ask for you to oppose HB 5366.**

This bill is set to be heard on March 9th, 2022. HB 5366 would greatly affect our industry as a whole, by restricting the use of Recycled Original Equipment Manufactured parts. This particular bill mentions to have automotive repair facilities to **"Follow the collision repair guidelines, procedure, recommendations and service bulletins issued by original equipment manufacturer when repairing a motor vehicle"** line 504. According to these procedures, only new OEM parts are to be put on a damaged motor vehicle.

If the use of recycled parts were to be taken away from the repair side, it not only will devastate my business's ability to stay in business but more importantly the ability to keep my employees. If recycled parts are not allowed for repairs, OEM suppliers will be able to substantially increase costs with no direct competition. All parts would have to be purchased from new car dealers part departments and that would cause an increase with insurance costs to you, me and all residents. Without the use of recycled parts, the Auto Makers will own complete control of the parts market. This in turn creates large increases to the overall cost of repairs to consumers' vehicles. This bill would greatly increase living costs for citizens in

this state. Bills Auto Parts and the Connecticut Auto Recyclers Association (CAR) feel that restricting the sale of recycled parts constricts the non-OEM parts industry and will have a detrimental effect if this were to be passed. Again **Bills Auto Parts asks for the committee to respond by saying No and opposing HB 5366 with us.**

Thank You for hearing our concerns.

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